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TO CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON ENGLAND PRIORITY

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AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

USMTM DHAHRAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 4058

FOR POLAD CINCUSNAVEUR FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, SA

SUBJ: VISIT CINCUSNAVEUR ADM WORTH BAGLEY

REF: CINCUSNAVEUR 171146Z SEP 73

1. TIME FRAME SUGGESTED FOR VISIT OF CINCUSNAVEUR
LIKELY TO BE BUSY ONE FOR EMBASSY SINCE WE EXPECT
THAT AMBASSADOR AKINS WILL BY THEN HAVE ONLY RECENTLY
ARRIVED. NEVERTHELESS, BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR
AMBASSADOR AND ADMIRAL TO MEET AT BEGINNING OF FORMER'S
ASSIGNMENT TO SAUDI ARABIA (IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY
MET IN WASHINGTON), AND THAT DESPITE RAMADAN, WORTHWHILE
MEETINGS AND ORIENTATIONS CAN STILL BE PLANNED.

2. VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA SHOULD INCLUDE IN ADDITION
TO DISCUSSIONS AT EMBASSY JIDDA, CALL ON PRINCE SULTAN
IN RIYADH, AND COURTESY CALL ON COMMANDER SAJA IN
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DHAHRAN, WHO COMMANDS ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCES. WHILE

IN DHAHRAN, ADMIRAL MAY WISH TO OBTAIN FURTHER BRIEFINGS ON US MILITARY PROGRAMS IN SAUDI ARABIA FROM USMTM; IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR HIM TO BE BRIEFED BY ARAMCO AND TO VISIT SOME OF SAUDI ARABIA'S OIL INSTALLATIONS THAT CONTRIBUTE SO GREATLY TO STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE OF GULF. FOREGOING PROGRAM COULD PROBABLY BE ACCOMPLISHED IN 48 HOURS SUGGESTED REFTEL; TWO AND ONE-HALF DAYS, OF COURSE, WOULD BE BETTER.

3. DATES SUGGESTED FOR VISIT, HOWEVER, (THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, AND FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12) ARE NOT OPTIMUM; FRIDAYS ARE LOCAL SABBATH, AND MANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS GET HEAD START ON WEEK-END BY CUTTING THURSDAYS SHORT. ARAMCO IS CLOSED FOR TWO-DAY WEEK-END THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, AND WOULD BE UNAVAILABLE FOR ANY BRIEFINGS. RECOMMEND OTHER DATES BE CHOSEN.

4. SAUDIS MIGHT ORDINARILY BE INCLINED TO RAISE WITH CINCUSNAVEUR STATE OF US-SAUDI NEGOTIATIONS OVER DEVELOPMENT OF SAUDI NAVY. IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS WITH SAUDIS WE WOULD THEREFORE STRESS CINCUSNAVEUR WITHOUT DIRECT OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RSNF PROGRAM.

5. BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE VISIT BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH MINIMAL PUBLICITY.
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